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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)
Food and Drug Administration
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Re: Xenotransplantation

To whom it may concern:

I am opposed to xenotransplantation, regardless of the species of donor animal.

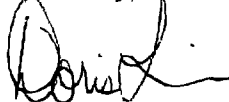
The FDA guidelines issued on April 6, 1999 declared a ban on nonhuman primate xenografts because they would expose patients and the public to "significant infectious disease risk" (Docket No. 99D-0557). But pigs also present serious, known risks to the potential human recipients, such as swine influenza and porcine endogenous retroviruses. Other animals present completely unknown risks.

Also, xenotransplantation is opposed by many Americans, and should not be considered while other options remain undeveloped. These other options include preventive medicine and campaigns to increase human organ donations.

Furthermore, xenotransplantation is immoral. We have no right to kill innocent animals for their organs while human organ donation remains at low levels.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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